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AGRICULTURAL NOTES

BURT JOHNSON, COUNTY AGENT

About twenty-five farmers are planning to go to Morgantown for Farmers' Week, January 7 to 11. Why not plan your work so you can take that week off?

Special provisions have been made for the entertainment and instruction of a large number of people. Speakers of state and national reputation—men and women in the front rank in their line of work—will discuss the most important agricultural subjects of the day. The practical side of farming will be given particular emphasis and much information, especially such as is of value in times of war will be given by recognized leaders. Work will be given for farm women, for the prize winners, and for the farmers in general.

The activities of the week will include among other things The State Fruit Show, The State Exhibit of Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs, Sessions of the State Horticultural Association, Sessions of the State Livestock Association, Meeting of Delegates from various County Agricultural Associations and Farm Women's Clubs, and Conferences of County Agricultural Agents.

Those who are going from this county are planning to leave on the noon train Saturday, January 5th, will stay over night in Elkins and will arrive in Morgantown the next evening about five o'clock. Some one will meet us at the station and take us to the rooms provided for us.

The boys and girls of the county have finished their club work for this year. The following figures will show that some of them are doing their bit in helping to win the war. They produced 645 bushels of corn, 781 bushels potatoes, 1129 chickens and 18 hogs. They are all doing good work, but of course there are lots of boys and girls in the county who have not made any effort. I wonder what they are going to do next year. Every boy and girl in the county who has a chance should grow something next year.

The Bank of Marlinton and the First National Bank each gave a free trip to Morgantown to the Club member making the highest grade in their club work this year.

Gayre Mann, of Edray, won first trip and Loman Sutton, of Greenbank, won second trip.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

Corn Contest

- 1st Wardell Harper.
- 2nd Arndt White.
- 3rd Lynn Beard.
- 4th Ward McLaughlin.
- 5th Pearly McLaughlin.
- 6th Merle Irvine.
- 7th Roscoe Beverage.

First Year Poultry Contest

- 1st Sterling Hill.
- 2nd McCellan Powers.
- 3rd Monte McLaughlin.
- 4th Gamie White.
- 5th Pearl Kelley.
- 6th Forrest Warren.
- 7th Milburn Curry.
- 8th Madge Arbogast.

Second Year Poultry Contest

- 1st Gayre Mann.
- 2nd Hazel Beverage.
- 3rd Dameron Barlow.
- 4th Zell Haage.

Potato Contest

- 1st Loman Sutton.
- 2nd Gay Sharp.
- 3rd Arndt White.
- 4th Frank Mann.
- 5th Margaret Sharp.
- 6th Oden Welford.
- 7th Gail Arbogast.
- 8th Emmett Taylor.

THE ARMY Y. M. C. A.

I will try in a few words to give some idea of the kind of work the Army Y. M. C. A. is doing for the "Sammys." Being a soldier myself I would know more of the benefit derived from such an organization. There are Y. M. C. A.s in every training camp in the United States and France. There are also Y. M. C. A.s in the trenches. They are on the same plan as in cities only they afford more forms of amusement. Some of the amusements are music, checkers, moving pictures, lectures, singing and others. Without the Y. M. C. A. the morals of the soldiers could not be kept up. It is a place to meet friends, write letters, buy necessities, recreate, get advice when needed from a good true friend—the Y. M. C. A. secretary.

Help the Army Y. M. C. A. and you are helping every U. S. soldier, helping your country, helping yourself, helping humanity and helping to "win" the Kaiser.

I am sure every soldier, sailor and marine appreciates the Y. M. C. A. and you can feel proud of yourself when you have donated to the Army Y. M. C. A.

A Private of the 163 Inf.

Preaching at the Marlinton Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening. At the morning service the pastor will preach. At night there will be a union service of the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. Mr. Keene will preach the sermon in the Presbyterian church. Let us be present at both services.

N. C. McNeil had the misfortune to lose a very valuable milch cow this week from overfeeding.

9th Niel Arbogast
10th Earl Carlisle.
11th Perry Collins

Pig Contest

- 1st Winters Hill
- 2nd Collett Gay.
- 3rd Betty Sharp
- 4th Glenna McLaughlin
- 5th Van Poage
- 6th Bernard McLaughlin
- 7th Alex McLaughlin
- 8th Andrew McLaughlin
- 8th Wardell Harper

Colored boys and girls rated as follows:

Poultry Contest

- 1st Clarence Tibbs
- 2nd Neal Wilson
- 3rd Luther Tibbs
- 4th Eddie Foster
- 5th Henry Jackson.
- 6th Isam Church
- 7th Sophia Church

Potato Contest

- 1st Isam Church
- 2nd Carl Smith
- 3rd Winters Lee
- 4th Sanford Boggs

Some of the boy club members are beginning to realize the need of better live stock in the county. The following club members have registered hogs: Alexander, Andrew and Bernard McLaughlin and Wardell Harper. Alexander McLaughlin has eight registered Berkshire pigs to sell, five sows and three males—good place for other pig club members to get pigs. Put in your order at once. It is time for all club members to plan work for next year.

Dr. E. D. Wells

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist at the Clifton Forge Hospital will be at Dr. Jackson's Office, RONCEV-ERTE, W. VA. The First Friday in each month.

BENEFIT GAME

FOR THE RED CROSS

Marlinton vs. Hillsboro

Saturday night December 29 the Marlinton Ridge Runners will hook up with the fast Hillsboro team in a benefit game for the Red Cross.

This promises to be a fast game as Hillsboro is strengthened by the addition of Kidd and Kirk who starred in the recent game with the University here.

Come out folks and help the good cause along. If you are broke rob the baby's mite box until you can rake up two bits.

The game will start promptly at 8 o'clock. Tickets on sale at Wallace's Drug Store and at Kee and McNeil's.

DUNMORE

Judge C. F. Moore and family, of New York, are here to spend Christmas with his brothers, H. M. and E. N. Moore.

Miss Jean Pritchard, who is attending school at Lewisburg is home for the holidays.

J. E. Pritchard and wife were at Marlinton Tuesday on business.

Mrs. T. M. Patterson of Staunton, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned home.

Miss Ruth Grimes is home from Buckhannon school for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Nannie Cochran is visiting Mrs. W. A. Noel.

James Hugh of Boyer, was visiting in this section last week.

Grandma Buzzard, 93 years old, is visiting Mrs. Warwick Shinaberry.

Several of our young folks went to the entertainment at Greenbank High school. All report a sociable time.

A lot of the Dunmore folks visited F. C. Pritchard at Raywood last Sunday.

Judge C. F. Moore gave an excellent talk at the Methodist church Sunday night on the Red Cross work.

John Will Carpenter had the misfortune to get his hand badly mashed One finger had to be taken off.

From the number of ice houses that have been filled here, the people surely will be cool next summer.

Our teachers, Miss Milligan and Mrs. Mann are spending their Christmas with home folks.

Melvin Sharp, of Frost, was in town Saturday.

John Hevner, of Cloverlick was here on business Saturday.

Dunmore has 67 Red Cross members. We hope to double this membership before the New Year enters in. Your dollar to the Red Cross will do a dollar's worth of good.

GREENBANK

Three good dwelling houses in town for rent, so come on if in need. Also three good store houses empty.

Christmas was gloomy and raining, but the children were happy with the nice things Santa left, and may they ever be so.

Our soldier boys did not get home for Christmas, but we wished for them a pleasant time.

Died, December 19, 1917, G. W. Kerr, aged 81 years, at his home near Arbovale. The funeral service was conducted at Liberty Church by Rev. J. M. Walker, of Marlinton, after which his remains were interred in the cemetery at Arbovale.

Servant of God, well done, Enter thy loved employ;

The battle's fought, the victory won Enter thy master's joy.

The Xmas entertainment at the high school Saturday night the 22nd, was much enjoyed by the old and young. The auditorium was filled to overflowing; it is supposed 700 people were present. The teachers will spend a week at their homes. We wish the a happy Christmas and a joyful New Year.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our most heart felt thanks and appreciation to our many friends for their kindness to us during the illness and death of Mr. Shumate.

Mrs. Shumate.
Mrs. Stillwell.

Hillsboro, W. Va.

REXRODE-DEVERICKS

A wedding of interest to many in the county was solemnized Wednesday December 12, 1917, at 2 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Devericks when their daughter, Ollie Edith, became the bride of Ambrose Rexrode, of Doe Hill, Virginia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Kyle M. Moffet, pastor of the bride, in the presence of a few friends and relatives. Miss Lella Burns, of McDowell, was maid of honor. Benny Rexrode was best man. The ring was carried by little Miss Zella Marie Rohr. Immediately after the ceremony a delightful luncheon was served.

The bride is a beautiful and accomplished young lady and has many friends in this county, having visited here frequently in the past four years. The groom is a young farmer and stockman. We join with a host of friends in wishing them a long and happy future.

L. B.

EDRAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. N. C. McNeil and Rev. J. M. Walker gave splendid talks at recent chapel services. The presence and remarks of those who favor the school in this way are always a great benefit to it.

The local Womens Christian Temperance Union gave a public program in the auditorium on December 14th in memory of the life and work of Frances E. Willard. Mrs. Rexrode presided over the meeting, at which Revs. Walker and Keene, and Mr. F. R. Hill delivered excellent talks. Near the close of the exercises the Union presented a likeness of Miss Willard to the High, which Miss Merrells accepted in behalf of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Echols presented as a Christmas token to the High a Webster's International Unabridged Dictionary. This gift is greatly appreciated. It was placed in the library.

The school session will reopen on January 7th. All pupils should be in attendance at the beginning of that morning's session without fail.

The semester examination will begin on Thursday, January 24-25. A number of new subjects will be offered in the second semester, thus giving a chance to public school graduates to enter on the first day—January 28. A good student can then complete his high school course in three-and-one-half years. A number of graduates, both in Edray and Huntersville districts should take advantage of this excellent opportunity. Let a number respond to this chance.

Miss Margaret Stahl's interpretation of DeWitt's drama, "Strongheart" was wonderful. She was presented to the audience by Miss Elizabeth Price.

The Hampton Court Singers will render their musical program on January 26th at 8 p. m. This is the second number of the entertainment course.

The Edray District High School has joined the West Virginia High School Athletic association. All of the high schools of the Greenbrier Valley at the Round Table indicated their intention of doing likewise. No pupil is permitted to play on a high school team who plays on any other team. The State association stands for clean athletics. Any failure to observe its rules subjects a school to expulsion and a fine of \$25.00. No ineligible are allowed to be played.

The Board of Education have provided funds for the required needs of the school as follows: The science laboratory is well equipped and furnished now. A splendid cabinet, a table and four large microscopes were placed in this room. In the manual arts room three new benches have been added to the six previously bought. In the domestic art room the four machines and two sewing tables adequately equip that department. In the domestic science room eight tables and one supply cabinet— all fully provided with utensils—a stove, sink, furnish this department in a satisfactory manner. To the department of history a large black board outline map has been added. Six Globe-Wernicke book case units with individual lockers together with a table have nicely completed the library. Forty books were added to the English department of the library. To facilitate office and library work a typewriter has been secured.

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REV. C. B. VANREANAN

Rev. Cornelius B. VanReenan died at his home near West Union, December 16, 1917, at the advanced age of 85 years, three months and one day, after an illness of several years duration.

His wife, two sons, Henry and Harper, and one daughter, Elizabeth, preceded him across the Bar. Two sons, George and William, and three daughters, Mrs. John Galford, of Woodrow; Mrs. Totten, of Renick, and Mrs. Luther McNeill, of Marlinton, survive him.

Mr. VanReenan was born in Holland and came to America when about fourteen years old. He was converted and united with the Methodist church when he was about twenty years old, and served as a local preacher in his church for about thirty years.

The funeral service was conducted at West Union church by Rev. Geo. P. Moore, Rev. Resseger and his pastor, Rev. M. H. Ramsey, in the presence of a large and sympathizing congregation. His remains were laid to rest in the Cochran Cemetery. Peace to his ashes.

The Marlinton Presbyterian Sunday School gave their Xmas entertainment Monday night, Xmas eve, at the church. The church and tree were artistically decorated for the evening. The Christmas exercises were beautifully rendered before a large gathering. An offering was made for Lynchburg Orphanage which amounted to \$40. The pastor and his wife were also remembered in the giving, the church presenting them with the handsome purse of \$130.00 in cash. On returning to their home a wagon load of provisions from Hamlin Chapel neighborhood awaited them. Here were such things as flour, hams, meats of various kind, butter, potatoes, apples, maple syrup, rice coffee and canned fruit. To these the ladies of the town have added cakes, preserves and fruits of all descriptions, for all of which they are very grateful.

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WAR POETRY

SELECTED FROM VARIOUS CAMP PAPERS BY SOME OF OUR READERS

A SOLDIER'S DREAM IN CHICKAMAUGA.

Since I hit this noted place,
Historic Chickamauga,
It seems I've walked a million miles
Right round, just like an augur.

When early in the morning,
I hear the bugle blow,
I grab my khaki trousers
And put them on and go.

Then after standing reveille,
There's breakfast, don't you know?
And policing 'round the quarters
For half an hour or so.

When through policing quarters,
And a load of wood or so,
I hear the good old bugle say—
Grab your gun and go.

Then soon we're off for drill,
And round and round we go,
We do squads right and column left,
For twenty miles or more.

At last we form a skirmish line,
And launch a grand attack,
Then we fix our bayonets
To drive the Germans back.

We're fighting many battles
The none of them are real,
We're only just a-practicing
To learn to use the steel.

When our practicing is over,
When we're landed in ol' France,
We'll mop up with the Germans
If we only get a chance.

We'll make a charge up Vimy ridge,
And sweep o'er Dead Man's Hill;
We'll raise Old Glory over Belgium,
And ship old Kaiser Bill.

—By John W. Brown, Co. E, 11th Inf.

CHEER UP.

A doughboy's life is just a round of pleasure every day,
He never has a single thing to fear,
He'd rather get a gun-shot in the middle of the front
Than a steel suppository in the rear.

Another place they have it soft, is in the artillery,
The heavy guns, set twenty miles away,
Of course, a single shell could blow the whole caboodle up
But that just happens once or twice a day.

The fellow in the cavalry has got an easy job,
At every one on foot he takes a whole lot of work,
And not a thing can touch him, but a sharp knife and arrow,
To slice down the middle of the back.

The quartermaster has the softest war-job of them all,
He hands supplies to every one who comes,
He's not in danger and he never hears a gun,
So all he has to do is dodge the bombs.

The signal corps the safest thing to join to go to war,
Communication lines they keep intact,
They get so used to dodging bullets, hand grenades and things,
They never think of danger, that's a fact.

The engineers are never very busy at the front,
They simply keep the railroads on the run,
They tend to all construction work, build bridges, towns and things,
But after that their little bit is done.

The medical department is a good one to get in,
You never do a thing but sit and doze,
A couple of hundred patients need attention all the time
But none of them receive it, goodness knows.

There's only one department where there's danger all the time

An ordnance man's a hero, there's no doubt,
He's always where the bullets are the thickest and the most,
'Cause he's the guy that has to hand them out.

No matter what the color of the hat-cord on your hat,
You'll always wish you had a different one,
You're sure the other fellow's got a softer job than yours,
But they're all a cinch when all is said and done.

—The Ordnance Bard, Camp Sevier "Trench and Camp."

The following was sent in by a soldier's wife—

LET HIM LIVE.

As long as flowers their perfume give,
So long I'd let the Kaiser live—
Live any live for a million years,
With nothing to drink but Belgian tears,
With nothing to quench his awful thirst
But the salted brine of a Scotchman's curse.

I would let him live on a dinner each day,
Served from silver on a golden tray—
Served with things both dainty and sweet—
Served with everything but things to eat.

And I'd make him a bed of silken schein,
With covers of down and fillets of lace,
And downy pillows piled in place,
Yet when to its comfort he would yield,
It should stink with rot of the battle field,
And blood and bones and brains of men.

Should cover him, smother him—and then
His pillows should cling with the rotten cloy—
Cloy from the grave of a soldier boy,
And while God's stars their vigils keep,
And while the waves the white sands sweep,
He should never, never, never sleep.

And through all the days, through all the years,
There should be an anthem in ears,
Ringing and singing and never done
From the edge of light to the set of sun,
Moaning and moaning and moaning wild,
A ravaged French girl's bastard child!

And I would build him a castle by the sea,
As lovely a castle as ever could be;
Then I'd show him a ship from over the sea,
As fine a ship as ever could be,
Laden with water cold and sweet,
Laden with everything good to eat;
Yet scarce does she touch the silvered sands,
Scarce may he reach his eager hands,
Than a hot and a hellish molten shell
Should change his heaven into hell,
And though he'd watch on the wave-swept shore,
Our Lusitania would rise no more!

In "No man's Land," where the Irish fell,
I'd start the Kaiser a private hell;
I'd jab him, stab him, give him gas;
In every wound I'd pour ground glass;
I'd march him out where the brave boys died—
Out past the lads they crucified.

In the fearful gloom of his living tomb,
There is one thing I'd do before I was through;
I'd make him sing, in a stirring manner,
The wonderful words of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

—Camp Lee Bayonet.

Meatless Days—Tuesdays Wheatless Days—Wednesdays Porkless Days—Saturdays

To the Citizens of Pocahontas County—
We refer to the proclamation of our Governor in regard to the conservation of food, which you have no doubt read, and the observance of wheatless and meatless and porkless days. We have been requested as members of the County Council of Defense to see that the heads of the various organized bodies, to-wit: Fraternal organizations, Women's Clubs, Superintendents of City Schools, together with County and District Superintendents, School Teachers and Ministers, help to enforce this proclamation, and we are also asked to carry this work into all homes, and are taking this means of obtaining the results desired by our government.

The people of Pocahontas have in all issues done well their part so far, and we feel that in this most important matter they will not fail to cooperate.

J. W. GOODSSELL,
Chairman County Council of Defense.

Your interest in this army and help some wounded boy back to health. He is fighting for you. Back him up. Don't delay, send your dollar to the nearest auxiliary.

1917-1918 GREETINGS

With the passing of one year and the opening of another, the officers and employees of this institution would convey to all patrons and friends the old, yet ever new wish: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." This Christmas is full of unusual significance for the American people. We are in the midst of a great war—a war of service to humanity—a war which we have entered to uphold the brotherhood of man and to bring about a righteous peace.

This yuletide there will be loved ones away from many firesides—silent evidences that the ideal of service which gave to the world its first Christmas still prevails. Shall we not, in justice to our absent ones, co-operate heartily, one with another? Shall we not, with the dawn of a new year, look forward and upward with a determination stronger than ever before to exemplify, both individually and as a nation, the broadest of service to others?

As the years pass, we would have this institution known for its 'spirit of service.' We wish you to realize that in every banking transaction, small or large, it is our intent to be constructive and helpful. Again we wish you Christmas Cheer and New Year Opportunity.

First National Bank
Marlinton, W. Va.



You Save A Little

but may lose a lot, if you do not take out a policy of fire insurance in time. You are gambling with fate. You may pay one premium or fifty, yet your property can go up in smoke at any time. Be wise and take out your policy with us before you have regrets.

HUNTER & ECHOLS INSURANCE AGENCY INC.
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